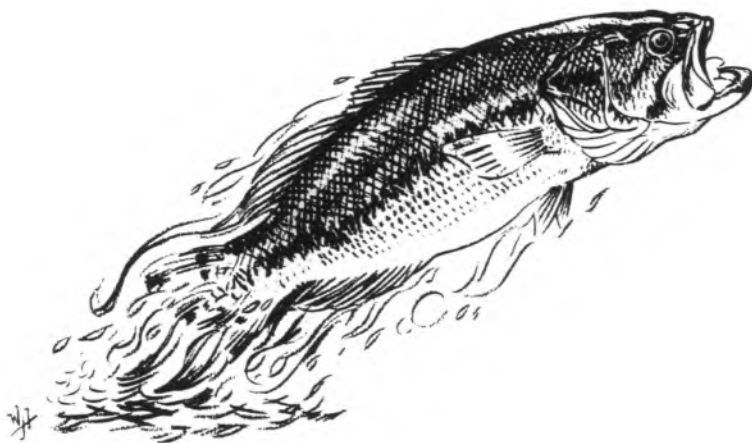


State of Florida
Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission

BIENNIAL REPORT



July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1966

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Governor of the State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

SIR: We have the privilege of submitting herewith the Biennial Report of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, for the period starting July 1, 1964, and ending June 30, 1966.

This report contains detailed outlines on Commission activities, and its major operational divisions, during that period.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. O. E. Frye, Jr.

Director

COMMISSION

SINCE January 1, 1943, the management, restoration, conservation and regulation of the birds, game, fur-bearing animals and fresh water fish, of the State of Florida, has been under the jurisdiction of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. The Commission, a constitutional body, consists of five members, one from each of the Congressional Districts that existed January 1, 1941.

The members of the commission are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The first commission members were appointed January 1, 1943, and served respective terms of one, two, three, four and five years. At the expiration of each of the initial terms, successors were appointed to serve for standard five-year terms.

Members of the commission receive no compensation for their services other than an annual maxi-

mum allowance of \$600.00 for traveling and other expenses incurred while engaged in official duties.

The powers granted to the Commission include the setting of bag limits, and establishing open and closed seasons for fresh water fishing and hunting, on a statewide, regional, or local basis, as it may find to be appropriate, and to regulate the manner and method for taking indicated species of wildlife.

Members of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission are not professional wildlife conservation employees, but Florida businessmen, sportsmen, hunters and fishermen. The five man commission employs a specialized staff of professional wildlife conservationists to carry out policies and programs as established, and to provide professional advice for all related wildlife requirements.

Commission Membership Changes 1964-1966 Biennium

FIRST DISTRICT—Southern Region

E. L. MADILL, Dade City
Appointed December 19, 1961
JACK CLIETT, Wauchula
Appointed June 3, 1965

SECOND DISTRICT—Northeast Region

MARCUS MILAM, Gainesville
Appointed July 19, 1963
W. B. COPELAND, Jacksonville
Appointed June 16, 1965

THIRD DISTRICT—Northwest Region

RONALD WISE, DeFuniak Springs
Appointed January 6, 1962

FOURTH DISTRICT—Everglades Region

W. THOMAS McBROOM, Miami
Appointed April 28, 1961
Reappointed February 10, 1965

FIFTH DISTRICT—Central Region

K. K. KENNEDY, Ocala
Appointed January 8, 1964
HAROLD W. ASHLEY, Melrose
Appointed June 14, 1965

Statement of Policy

It is the declared policy of this Commission that a balanced program of enforcement, research, information and education, administration and programing is required to carry out the objectives of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Furthermore this Commission believes that the Director is the Chief Administrative Officer and shall be charged with the carrying out of the policy directives of the Commission and the performance of the routine administrative functions including personnel selection, promotion policies, research and programing.

The Commission reserves unto itself the power for making all major policy decisions collectively together with the budgetary controls as the current fiscal situation may dictate.

The Commission feels that constitutional status was conferred on the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission by popular vote and would resist any attempts to change the status of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. In view of the rapidly expanding requirements for hunting and fishing throughout the State, it will be necessary for the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission to coordinate and correlate its program with those of other agencies but the dilution of existing authority granted this Commission is contrary to existing policy.



Administration

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS recorded by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, during the 1964-1966 Biennium, include the completion of several long-range projects. Foremost in the construction field was the Commission's State Office Building, in the Tallahassee Capitol Center, completed early in 1965. Two of the three main floors of the modern office building are leased, by the Commission, to the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and the Florida Division of Corrections.

The new Richloam Fish Hatchery in Sumter County, one of the most up-to-date warm-water fish hatcheries in the country, was also completed. The Blackwater Fish Hatchery, Santa Rosa County, underwent extensive facility improvement construction.

A new Commission general services building in Fort Lauderdale was completed, as were additions to the Regional Offices in Lake City, Ocala and West Palm Beach.

The start of new buildings during the final months of the period include a special Fisheries Research Laboratory, in Eustis, and a Game and Fish Management Field Station, DeFuniak Springs.

In addition to building construction, four fishing lakes were created in areas with limited natural fishing waters; 20 new Fish Management Areas were established, bringing the total to 65 by the end of the biennium; and an additional 47 boat launching ramps were constructed.

Another major completion was the Everglades outdoor recreation facilities in Dade and Broward counties, jointly financed with state, federal and private funds.

EXPANSION OF FISHERIES projects during 1964-1966 were a result of the Fishing Improvement Program Act of 1963, and the one-dollar resident fishing license increase that went into effect that year. In addition to aforementioned projects there was some expansion of programs related to fresh water quality investigations, noxious vegetation control and general sport fishing improvements. Research continued with the South American Peacock Bass as a possible future Florida gamefish, and the Withlacoochee River Project was initiated to deal with studies of water hyacinths including the value and effects of hyacinth control planning.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS in the game management field was the addition of three Wildlife Management

Areas, increasing the total to 32 (over 3-million acres) by the end of the biennium. New areas are the Lochloosa with 40,000 acres in Alachua and Putnam counties; the 20,000 acre Tide Swamp Area in Taylor County, and the Adams Pasture Area with 8,000 acres in Hamilton County.

A cooperative research program related to Florida's declining winter population of Canada geese was established, and research studies were continued on various non-native (exotic) game birds as future hunting possibilities. A specialized drug technique was developed for the safe trapping and relocation of certain wildlife species.

More than a thousand wild turkeys were trapped in areas closed to hunting and released in regions where improved habitat conditions can support additional numbers of Florida's largest game bird. The telemetry project involving "radio-tracking" of wild game reached the operational level aiding in the continuing, improved life history studies of deer and wild turkey.

THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS complex for Commission mobile units was replaced with a modern transistorized system.

FOR THE SPORTSMEN'S convenience a combination annual AK-series Fishing and Hunting License was established.

INCREASING LAW ENFORCEMENT complexities and courtroom procedure changes have rapidly advanced the Wildlife Officer as a specialist in his field. Under a newly created position titled Chief of Law Enforcement, mechanical modernization and training procedures were greatly expanded. In addition to necessary regional and area instruction periods, all officers attend annual one-week in-training sessions at the Florida Law Enforcement Academy, in Tallahassee.

Efforts were increased to provide modern equipment for Wildlife Officer responsibilities dealing with the state's hunting, fresh water fishing and boating laws. This included an additional helicopter required for certain remote-region air patrol enforcement.

Legislative action in 1965 made possible greater legal penalties for the more serious law violation convictions. Out-of-state law enforcement cooperation led to the seizure of approximately 600 "exported" illegally-taken Florida alligator hides. ●

Organization

Florida Regions



ADMINISTRATION

DR. O. E. FRYE, JR., Director

H. E. WALLACE
Assistant Director

BRANTLEY GOODSON, Chief
Law Enforcement Division

JOHN W. WOODS, Chief
Fisheries Division

JAMES A. POWELL, Chief
Game Management Division

RHETT McMILLIAN, Chief
Communications Division

**JAMES T. FLOYD, Chief
Information-Education**

REGIONAL OFFICES

T. L. GARRISON, Manager
Northwest Region

**ROBERT BRANTLY, Manager
Northeast Region**

**J. W. BICKERSTAFF, Manager
Central Region**

J. O. BROWN, Manager
Southern Region

LOUIS F. GAINES, Manager
Everglades Region

Financial Statement

Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission

Financial Statement—July 1, 1964, through June 30, 1966

Statement of Cash Receipts

	1964-65	1965-66
Sport Fishing	\$1,077,870.25	\$1,199,805.75
Fishing & Hunting AK Licenses	-0-	108,836.00
Fishing	1,077,870.25	1,090,969.75
Sport Hunting	\$1,302,314.00	\$1,256,798.00
AK Licenses	-0-	27,217.25
Hunting	\$1,029,912.00	953,449.25
U. S. Permits	1,650.00	1,400.00
Alien Hunting	100.00	-0-
State Hunting Permits	237,625.00	241,245.00
Archery Permits	8,870.00	8,880.00
Webb Permits	-0-	1,630.00
Coon Permits	10.00	-0-
Quail Permits	6,536.00	1,180.00
Dove Permits	13,871.00	13,289.00
Previous Years Permits	2,475.00	800.00
Guano Hog Permits	1,265.00	-0-
Underage Permits	-0-	7,707.50
Commercial Fishing	\$ 39,202.20	\$ 37,686.45
Retail Fish Dealer	18,050.00	17,260.00
Non-Resident Retail Fish Dealer	50.00	150.00
Wholesale Fish Dealer	4,285.70	4,000.00
Non-Resident Wholesale Fish Dealer	1,000.00	500.00
Commercial Boats	12,928.30	12,925.30
Previous Years Commercial Licenses	19.70	-0-
Non-Resident Commercial Boat	-0-	51.65
Duplicate Commercial Licenses	-0-	1.00
Boat Registration Fees	2,868.50	2,798.50
Commercial Hunting	\$ 7,207.00	\$ 8,346.00
Trapping	\$ 1,482.00	\$ 1,961.00
Nutria Licenses	75.00	-0-
Hunting Preserve	2,175.00	2,350.00
Guide	270.00	290.00
Game Farm	2,320.00	2,340.00
Wholesale Fur Dealer & Agents	710.00	700.00
Non-Resident Wholesale Fur Dealer	-0-	500.00
Local Fur Dealer	80.00	110.00
Licenses to Exhibit Poisonous or Venomous Reptiles	95.00	95.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 230,978.03	\$ 174,326.07
Court Costs	\$ 53,195.70	\$ 46,570.63
Miscellaneous Receipts	56,917.68	30,110.03
Previous Years Licenses Collected	43,825.50	39,570.75
Sale of Magazine Subscriptions	37,153.54	34,363.71
Sale of Magazine Single Copies	2,299.08	636.04
Sale of Old Equipment	4,647.31	1,974.25
Sale of Confiscated Materials & Equipment	2,939.22	2,100.66
Transfer from Recreation Fund	30,000.00	19,000.00
Federal Government	\$ 430,288.16	\$ 580,501.64
Federal Aid Hyacinth Control	\$ 58,417.21	65,931.69
Dingell-Johnson	132,874.71	167,827.91
Pittman-Robertson	238,996.24	346,742.04
Leases	\$ 55,832.91	\$ 48,024.07
Webb Area Grazing Lease	\$ 10,889.40	\$ 12,501.40
Webb Area Mari Lease	-0-	1,200.00
Palm Beach County Lease	10,000.00	10,000.00
Stump Lease	22,546.91	23,570.67
Miscellaneous Leases	3,236.60	752.00
Oil Lease	9,160.00	-0-
Total Revenue	\$3,143,692.55	\$3,505,487.98

Disbursements and Balances

July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1966



Disbursements by Object Code

	1964-65	1965-66
Salaries.....	\$1,559,270.11	\$1,729,525.22
Professional Fees & Consultation Services.....	3,158.13	3,022.50
Other Personal Services.....	63,212.75	70,481.48
Communication & Transmittal of Things.....	72,532.38	82,628.33
General Printing & Reproduction.....	112,406.42	84,268.06
Repairs & Maintenance.....	85,519.73	89,817.48
Travel.....	117,345.53	119,601.70
Utilities.....	15,485.74	13,758.82
Other Contractual Services.....	48,150.87	66,005.33
Clothing.....	1,392.33	8,080.22
Building & Construction Materials & Supplies.....	581.95	121.16
Coal, Fuel, Oil.....	1,703.46	1,807.22
Educational, Medical, Scientific & Agricultural		
Materials & Supplies.....	24,262.54	38,173.14
Food Products.....	2,386.16	2,917.48
Maintenance Materials & Supplies.....	53,549.53	61,157.08
Motor Fuels & Lubricants.....	190,421.60	184,137.60
Office Materials & Supplies.....	20,095.71	15,816.20
Other Materials.....	162,174.24	110,761.24
Insurance.....	49,459.17	48,626.93
Rental of Buildings & Equipment.....	54,198.31	104,444.70
Other Current Charges & Obligations.....	24,850.30	21,271.28
Books.....	355.72	1,299.67
Fixed Capital Outlay.....	1,812.01	17,758.09
Educational, Medical, Scientific & Agricultural		
Equipment.....	5,920.27	7,090.23
Motor Vehicles.....	183,381.37	217,233.82
Motor Boats & Trailers.....	40,996.50	23,349.49
Office Furniture & Equipment.....	17,515.13	19,832.08
Other Structures & Improvements.....	200.00	3,501.00
Other Capital Outlay.....	25,482.05	95,938.31
Distribution & Transfer to Other Funds.....	14,068.05	19,579.37
Service Charges General Revenue.....	119,693.40	91,914.99
Revolving Fund.....	-0-	552.50
Refunds.....	-0-	45.00
Intra-Agency Fund Transfers.....	37,800.00	21,000.00
Total.....	\$3,109,381.46	\$3,375,618.72

Disbursements by Departments

	1964-65	1965-66
Administration		
Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 406,142.52	\$ 426,471.98
Other Personal Services.....	\$ 131,514.38	\$ 130,982.22
General Expenses.....	4,190.50	3,174.45
Operating Capital Outlay.....	138,766.48	187,103.74
Refund.....	11,977.76	13,281.58
Non-Operating Expense.....	-0-	45.00
Information & Education.....	119,693.40	91,914.99
Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 223,903.85	\$ 192,032.05
Other Personal Services.....	\$ 70,602.71	\$ 71,252.73
General Expenses.....	2,740.63	2,799.50
Operating Capital Outlay.....	139,615.79	112,934.42
Law Enforcement.....	10,944.72	5,045.40
Salaries & Wages.....	\$1,220,863.33	\$1,345,814.56
Other Personal Services.....	769,841.17	903,698.93
General Expenses.....	-0-	269.37
Operating Capital Outlay.....	323,266.10	293,123.21
Communications.....	127,756.06	148,723.05
Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 117,230.20	\$ 191,052.99
Other Personal Services.....	69,184.10	74,477.14
General Expenses.....	408.88	71.93
Operating Capital Outlay.....	33,718.96	27,059.42
Aviation.....	13,918.26	79,444.50
Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 73,009.36	\$ 114,341.94
Other Personal Services.....	41,654.99	27,710.00
General Expenses.....	126.00	-0-
Operating Capital Outlay.....	27,288.90	44,917.03
Game Management.....	3,939.47	41,714.91
Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 562,958.77	\$ 612,861.01
Other Personal Services.....	\$ 215,099.05	\$ 242,896.59
General Expenses.....	51,141.08	57,422.61
Operating Capital Outlay.....	225,224.86	260,421.82
Fixed Capital Outlay.....	68,493.78	38,214.53
Fish Management.....	-0-	13,905.46
Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 467,473.43	\$ 472,044.19
Other Personal Services.....	\$ 261,373.71	\$ 278,537.61
General Expenses.....	4,763.79	9,263.62
Operating Capital Outlay.....	162,702.93	138,468.70
Fixed Capital Outlay.....	38,633.00	40,871.63
Intra-Agency Fund Transfers.....	-0-	4,902.63
Salaries & Wages.....	\$ 37,800.00	\$ 21,000.00
Total.....	\$ 3,109,381.46	\$ 3,375,618.72

